

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3291

ANSWERED ON:21.03.2007

SCHEME FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Deshmukh Shri Subhash Sureshchandra

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some States have formulated a comprehensive scheme for infrastructure development, especially in the backward and rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the projects on which works have to be started and the amount likely to be spent on each of the project; and
- (c) the financial assistance proposed to be provided by the Union Government for execution of such projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V.RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): Rural and backward area development are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments and they have their own schemes for development of these areas. The Union Government supplements the State Governments efforts and for improving the rural infrastructure, the Union Government has launched Bharat Nirman programme in 2005-06 as a four-year plan to supplement States efforts with identified physical targets for completion by 2009. Also for development of backward areas, the Union Government has approved Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) during 2006-07 replacing the Rastriya Sam Vikas Yojana(RSVY).

(b) and (c): Bharat Nirman has six components, namely, irrigation, roads, water supply, housing, rural electrification and rural telecom connectivity. In each of these areas targets to be achieved by 2009 are as below.

- (i) To bring additional one crore hectares under assured irrigation.
- (ii) To connect all villages that have a population of 1000(or 500 in hilly/tribal areas) with road.
- (iii) To construct 60 lakhs additional houses for the poor.
- (iv) To provide drinking water to the remaining 74000 habitations that are uncovered.
- (v) To reach electricity to the remaining 1,25,000 villages and offer electricity connection to 2.3 crore households.
- (vi) To give telephone connectivity to the remaining 66,822 villages.

The details of names of schemes under which the respective Ministries assist the state are as below. The schemes are formulated and got implemented through the states by the respective Ministries.

Rural infrastructure area Name of scheme under which states are assisted and
Ministry concerned

1.Irrigation Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme-Ministry of
Water Resources

2.Roads Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana- Ministry of Rural
Development

3.Housing Indira Awaas Yojana- Ministry of Rural Development

4.Drinking Water including

water quality Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme- Department
of Drinking Water Supply , Ministry of Rural Development

5.Electrification Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidhyutikaran Yojana- Ministry of
Power

6.Telephone connectivity Universal Service Obligation fund -Ministry of
Telecommunication

The Backward Region Grant Fund consists of two components namely District Component covering 250 districts and Special plans for Bihar and KBK districts of Orissa as detailed below.

District Component

The Districts Component of the BRGF covers 250 districts including all the 147 on- going RSVY districts. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj, which is the implementing Ministry for the BRGF districts, has laid down the guidelines for implementation of the BRGF. As per the decision taken, the districts where RSVY is continuing will receive funds as per RSVY norms till the entire amount of Rs. 45 crore (plus the existing monitoring fee) is released to each district after which these districts will shift to the BRGF mode of funding as per which a fixed amount of Rs. 10 crore per district per year will be allocated and the remaining amount will be provided on the basis of share of the population and the area of the district in the total population and area of all the backward districts. In addition, an amount of Rs. 1.00 crore per district per annum will be released for capability building.

Assistance to the on-going RSVY districts is presently being released as per RSVY norms. Assistance to the districts which have completed the RSVY programme and have shifted to the BRGF and also to the new districts covered by the BRGF will be released as per guidelines issued by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

Special Plan for Bihar

The Special for Bihar aims to give a major fillip to infrastructure development in the State particularly strengthening the power sub-transmission systems and the roads sector. An allocation of Rs.1000 crore per annum is being made during the Tenth Plan. The same allocation i.e. Rs.1000 crore per annum will continue to be made during the Eleventh Plan.

Special Plan for the KBK districts of Orissa

This is a continuing programme and aims to accelerate the development of the KBK region and is being funded through Special Central Assistance on 100% grant basis. An allocation of Rs.250 crore per annum is being made during the Tenth Plan. The allocation for the KBK districts would be protected at the current level during the Eleventh Plan. All the eight KBK districts, covered in the list of 250 BRGF districts, will be funded as per BRGF district norms and the balance will be provided under the KBK Special Plan.

Funds for Bharat Nirman and BRGF

Both Bharat Nirman and Backward Region Grant Fund (or RSVY) programmes are ongoing since 2005-06 and 2003-04 respectively and the details of fund releases are in Annexure.